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OF NUCLEOSIDE TRIPHOSPHATE

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 08/09/2000 for three (3) months from 10/09/2000 to 01/09/2001.

[X] Applicant claims small entity status.

Extension:	Fee for Non-	Fee for	
Months	Small Entity	Small Entity	
[] one month	\$110.00	\$55.00	
[] two months	\$390.00	\$195.00	
[X] three months	\$890.00	\$445.00	
[] four months	\$1390.00	\$695.00	
[] five months	\$1890.00	\$945.00	Fee <u>\$ 445.00</u>
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A response to the Office Action [X] is filed herewith. has been filed.

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